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# H. R. 1447

To amend the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 to improve the Act.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2015

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. POLIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-  
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Perkins Modernization  
5 Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7       Section 2 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Tech-  
8 nical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2301) is amend-  
9 ed—

- 1                   (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “, or high de-  
2                   mand occupations in current or emerging profes-  
3                   sions” and inserting “employment in current or  
4                   emerging in-demand industry sectors or occupa-  
5                   tions”;
- 6                   (2) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” at the  
7                   end;
- 8                   (3) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at  
9                   the end and inserting a semicolon; and
- 10                  (4) by adding at the end the following:
- 11                  “(8) aligning the skills, certifications, and cre-  
12                  dentials of secondary and postsecondary students  
13                  who enroll in career and technical education pro-  
14                  grams with the skills, certifications, and credentials  
15                  needed by employers in the labor markets served by  
16                  the educational institutions; and
- 17                  “(9) ensuring that the selection of skills, certifi-  
18                  cations, and credentials acquired by career and tech-  
19                  nical education students is guided by timely labor  
20                  market information.”.

21 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

22                  Section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Tech-  
23                  nical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302) is amended  
24                  by adding at the end the following:

1                 “(35) IN-DEMAND INDUSTRY SECTOR OR OCCU-  
2                 PATION.—The term ‘in-demand industry sector or  
3                 occupation’ has the meaning given that term in sec-  
4                 tion 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity  
5                 Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).”.

6     **SEC. 4. ACCOUNTABILITY.**

7                 Section 113(b)(2)(B)(iv) of the Carl D. Perkins Ca-  
8                 reer and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C.  
9                 2323(b)(2)(B)(iv)) is amended by striking “, or high de-  
10                 mand occupations or professions” and inserting “employ-  
11                 ment in in-demand industry sectors or occupations”.

12     **SEC. 5. NATIONAL ACTIVITIES.**

13                 Section 114(d) of the of the Carl D. Perkins Career  
14                 and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2324(d))  
15                 is amended—

16                 (1) in paragraph (2)(B)(iii)(II), by inserting  
17                 “in in-demand industry sectors or occupations” after  
18                 “critical); and

19                 (2) in paragraph (4)(A)(i)(V), by striking “oc-  
20                 cupations in high skill, high wage, or high demand  
21                 business and industry” and inserting “high skill,  
22                 high wage employment in in-demand industry sec-  
23                 tors or occupations”.

1   **SEC. 6. OCCUPATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION.**

2       Section 118(c) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and  
3   Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2328) is  
4   amended—

5           (1) in paragraphs (1) and (3), by striking “, or  
6   high demand occupations” each place it appears and  
7   inserting “employment in in-demand industry sec-  
8   tors or occupations”; and

9           (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “, or high de-  
10   mand occupations in current or emerging profes-  
11   sions” and inserting “employment in in-demand in-  
12   dustry sectors or occupations.”.

13   **SEC. 7. STATE PLAN.**

14       Section 122(c) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and  
15   Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2342(c)) is  
16   amended—

17           (1) in paragraph (1)—

18               (A) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by inserting  
19   “and careers in in-demand industry sectors or  
20   occupations” after “in postsecondary edu-  
21   cation”;

22               (B) in subparagraph (H), by striking  
23   “entry into high skill, high wage, or high de-  
24   mand occupations in current or emerging occu-  
25   pations” and inserting “for employment in in-  
26   demand industry sectors or occupations”; and

## **15 SEC. 8. STATE LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES.**

16 Section 124 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Tech-  
17 nical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2344) is amend-  
18 ed—

19 (1) in subsection (b)—

20 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “, or  
21 high demand occupations” and inserting “em-  
22 ployment in in-demand industry sectors or occu-  
23 pations”;

24 (B) in paragraph (2)(C), by inserting “,  
25 equipment,” after “internships”;

1                             (C) in paragraph (5), by striking “occupa-  
2                             tions” and inserting “employment in in-demand  
3                             industry sectors or occupations”;

4                             (D) by redesignating paragraphs (7)  
5                             through (9) as paragraphs (8) through (10), re-  
6                             spectively;

7                             (E) in paragraph (9) (as so redesignated),  
8                             by striking “, or high demand” and inserting  
9                             “employment in in-demand industry sectors  
10                             or”; and

11                             (F) by inserting after paragraph (6) the  
12                             following:

13                             “(7) analyzing labor market information col-  
14                             lected by State agencies, Federal agencies, workforce  
15                             investment boards, or other third-party organiza-  
16                             tions engaged in labor market research in order to  
17                             ensure that programs of study in career and tech-  
18                             nical education align with labor market needs;”;

19                             (2) in subsection (c)—

20                             (A) in paragraph (1)—

21                             (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting  
22                             “, and encouraging secondary students to  
23                             pursue dual enrollment coursework as well  
24                             as industry licenses, certificates, and other

1                   postsecondary credentials” after “degree”;  
2                   and  
3                         (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
4                         “occupations” and inserting “employment  
5                         in in-demand industry sectors or occupa-  
6                         tions”; and  
7                         (B) in paragraph (9), by striking “, or  
8                         high demand occupations” and inserting “em-  
9                         ployment in in-demand industry sectors or occu-  
10                         pations”.

11 **SEC. 9. LOCAL PLAN FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDU-  
12                         CATION.**

13                  Section 134(b)(8)(C) of the Carl D. Perkins Career  
14 and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C.  
15 2354(b)(8)(C)) is amended by striking “, or high demand”  
16 and inserting “employment in in-demand industry sectors  
17 or”.

18 **SEC. 10. LOCAL USES OF FUNDS.**

19                  Section 135 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Tech-  
20 nical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2355) is amend-  
21 ed—

22                         (1) in subsection (b)(9), by striking “, or high  
23                         demand” and inserting “employment in in-demand  
24                         industry sectors or”; and

1                             (2) in subsection (c)(12) by striking “, or high  
2                             demand” and inserting “employment in in-demand  
3                             industry sectors or”.

